

Unit 10. Middle Nushagak Corridor, Chichitnok River to Harris Creek

Background

Land Status. Most of the unit is owned by the state. Nine Native allotments are located in the unit.

Miles of River. The main channel of the Nushagak River extends for 32 miles.

Access. The unit is easily accessible by motorboat and snowmobile and moderately accessible by float and wheeled airplanes. The unit is relatively close to lodges in Wood-Tikchik State Park, but distant from major airports.

Existing Development. Nine cabins are located in this unit. More than five sites have been used as temporary camps for commercial sport fishing. Camps may either support fly-in use or serve as bases of operation.

Fisheries. The unit includes a heavily braided section of the Nushagak which provides an important spawning area for king salmon and excellent sport fishing opportunities for salmon and resident species.

Subsistence fishing use is low. Sport fishing use is moderate and increasing. Most of the sport use is commercial. Commercial use originates from nearby temporary camps or is fly-in use relying on motorboats stored in the unit.

Wildlife. Moose density is moderate; caribou density varies with the season but is occasionally high, particularly in fall and winter. Trophy-sized animals may migrate through the unit.

Subsistence hunting use is moderate, takes place in the fall and winter, and is based out of Koliganek and cabins located in the unit. Sport hunting use is currently low, but increasing.

Trails and Easements. None

Other values. Scenic values are moderate because of landscape diversity provided by the braids. Floating use is moderate and increasing, and is generally associated with hunting or fishing. The unit is used for trapping by local residents. One cultural site is documented in the unit.

Management Intent

Semi-primitive use experience.

Management Guidelines

Long-term Use (longer than 14 consecutive days at one site)

Permanent facilities	Prohibited.
Temporary facilities	May be allowed (case-by-case).
Trapping cabins	May be allowed (case-by-case).
Boat storage	May be allowed (case-by-case).
Airstrip development	May be allowed (case-by-case).
Docks: permanent	Prohibited.
temporary	May be allowed (case-by-case).
Other uses	May be allowed (case-by-case).

Short-term Use (14 consecutive days or less at one site)

See Short-term Uses (generally allowed uses) in Chapter 2.

Other Guidelines Specific to this Unit

- U10.1 Long-term Uses Associated with Mineral/Oil and Gas Activity. For long-term uses associated with mineral and oil and gas exploration and development, see Chapter 2 guideline.
- U10.2 Siting Criteria. Long-term uses will be sited to minimize evidence of human use. Temporary facilities will be sited out of view from the main river channel.

Public Use Sites

See Public Use Sites in Chapter 2 for management guidelines. Specific locations of sites are shown on maps in Appendix C.

Site 14 Campsite on the Nushagak River at the mouth of Klutuspak Creek. There is a pending Native allotment in this site.

Site 15 Campsite and floatplane landing area at the mouth of the King Salmon River.

Recommendations for this Unit

None.